
**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, January 11,
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Dear Sir

I have had the pleasure to receive yours of Oct. 26 and shall not fail to bring with me the articles mentioned in it from Jones the instrument maker in Holborn. I am more indebted to you than the sum they will cost on an old account so that that matter will rest of course for the present. I am very thankful to you for the information given me respecting the state of my affrs. in Albemarle. They are precisely in the order in which I had supposed they were. I expected that my plantation was in a great measure in a state of desolation, & that I shod. have no resource in it on my return home; every thing to do without any aid from it, to enable me to make it comfortable. I left many books, valuable articles of furniture, which we had been long gathering together; I hope these will be in the State I left them.

On the subject of our treaty we have said so much in our publick letter that nothing remains to be added here. It will be recollected that no aid has been derived in this business from any neutral power, Denmark being indeed the only one that cod. be thought of in

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such a case, & she in a situation more to require than to give aid: that in all the points on which we have had to press this govt. interests of the most vital character were involved to it, at a time too when the very existence of the country depended on an adherence to its maritime pretentions. I trust it will be seen that we have gained some thing on those questions, and on the whole done as much as could reasonably have been expected. It is important for us to stand well with some power, I think the UStates have sustained the attitude they took with dignity, and that by this arrangment they will terminate a controversy, not in favor of themselves alone but of neutral rights with some degree of credit. The mov'ment has drawn the attention of Europe, & will make us better known & more respected as a power. It is a singular circumstance that proof of the Northern powers tho' at war with France have wished us success agnst England, without however being able to give us any the slightest aid.

On general subjects I beg to refer you to Mr. Purviance-we expect to sail early in April provided a good ship can be had for the Chesapeake. We are at present in good health and desire our affectionate regards to yourself Mr. & Mrs. Randolph, whom we hope soon to have the pleasure of seing. Jas. Monroe

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